

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. The Greek buildup continues.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] that at least 28 trucks moved out of Limassol on Monday night. Two Greek ships were in the harbor that day.

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c. The Turks continue to claim the Greeks are sending troops and arms to the demilitarized Dodecanese Islands, but this is not confirmed. Our air attaché reports a recent visit to the Greek Islands of Lesbos and Samos revealed about 300-400 Greek troops on each.

d. Our attachés in Turkey have noted a general tightening of restrictions on their movements, probably intended to deny the US advance knowledge of Turkish intentions.

e. The Turks told Ambassador Hare on 6 July they had heard there was to be a sudden move to put enosis into effect immediately.

f. We have no evidence that this is planned. [redacted]

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2. Israel-Syria

a. The Israelis have reacted to the recent incidents on the Syrian border by tightening security in the area and moving up reinforcements.

b. A Syrian buildup also seems to be under way.

c. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the situation is tense but has as yet too little evidence to say an Israeli offensive is in the works.

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3. USSR - East Germany

a. We cannot be entirely certain, but it appears that the Soviet 18th Guards Army is being disbanded.

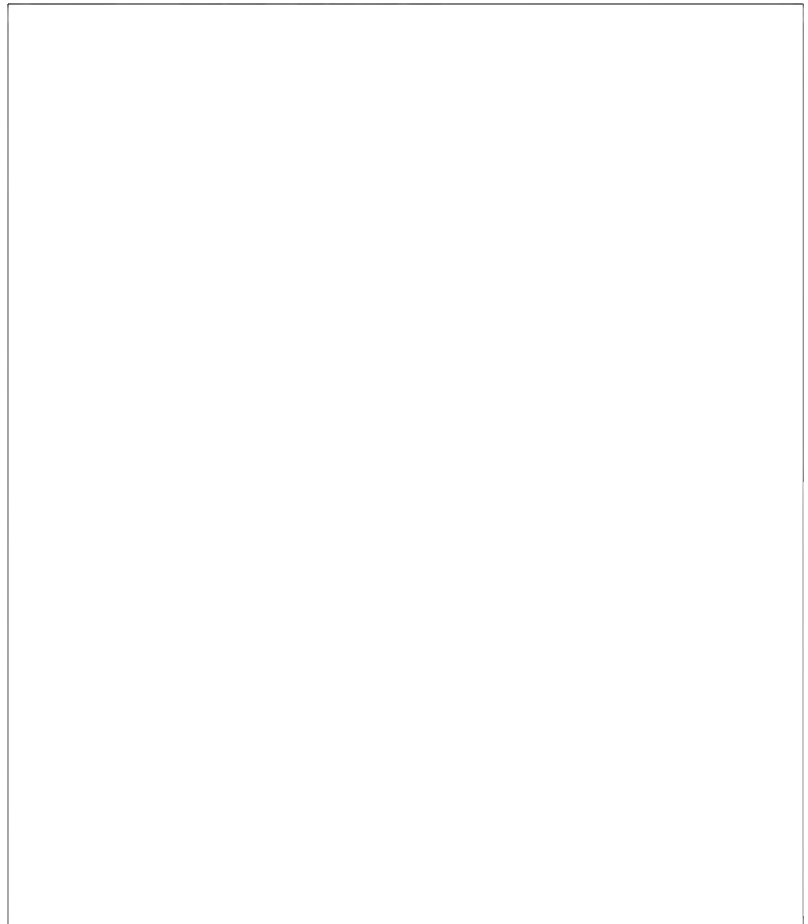
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d. This still leaves five Soviet armies in East Germany.

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4. France

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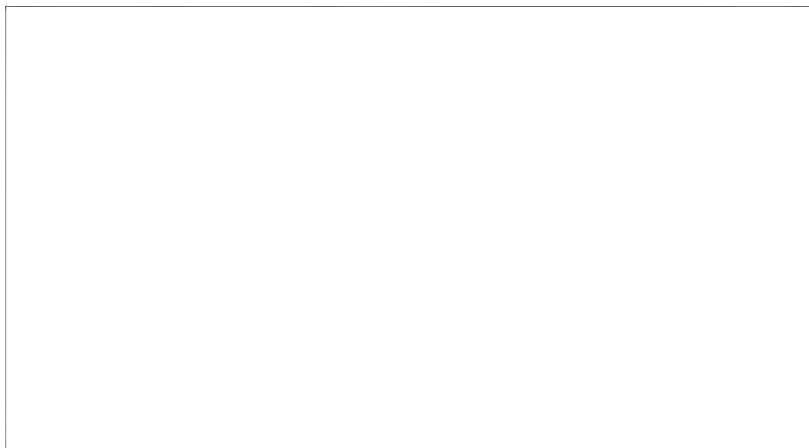


5. South Vietnam

a. South Vietnamese officials in the northern provinces believe Viet Cong strength is being increased by new infiltrations and have heard that two North Vietnamese divisions have moved to the Laotian - South Vietnamese border.

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A. Congo Reuters reports that Kasavubu has accepted Tshombé's cabinet list. The new government will be appointed later in the day. We do not yet have the names of the ministers.

B. France-Indonesia

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C. Japan-Cuba The Japanese plan a continuing buildup of their trade with Cuba during the next few months. They expect exports to reach about \$24 million during 1964, mostly in consumer goods, and anticipate their purchases of Cuban sugar will rise. The Japanese official who gave this information to the US Embassy said he did not want Washington to be "caught by surprise" and hoped this development would not be "dramatized."

D. Mexico-US The Mexicans feel the US proposal on the salinity problem will probably provide a "modus vivendi," according to Foreign Secretary Gorostiza. He told Ambassador Freeman on Tuesday that the US solution would not be entirely satisfactory to the Mexicali Valley, which wanted "pure water," but he seemed at least moderately optimistic.

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- E. Kashmir Indian-Pakistani clashes along the Kashmir ceasefire line are occurring at a somewhat higher than usual rate. Both governments are downplaying them, however. They are using UN channels for protests and are muting their propaganda.
- F. Ecuador The military junta yesterday announced the dismissal of Defense Minister General Naranjo. The general had been heading a plot to overthrow the junta and his removal deprives the plotters of a valuable front man within the government. Their activities against the regime will probably continue, however, and they are now said to be looking for support from the pro-Chinese wing of the Ecuadorean Communist Party.
- G. Tanganyika-Zanzibar The East Germans still refuse to lower their Zanzibar Embassy to consulate level. The issue is now being shelved until the end of the month, when Nyerere will return from meetings in London and Cairo.
- H. Jordan The US Embassy believes the new Jordanian cabinet indicates King Husayn's continued interest in a rapprochement with Nasir. Both Prime Minister Talhouni and Foreign Minister Touqan are considered pro-UAR.

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